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An image verification system has an image generation device and a first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using first information and not using public key cryptography. The first image verification device includes (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the first information, whether the image data is altered or not, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

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According to one aspect of the present invention, an image verification system has an image generation device and a first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using first information and not using public key cryptography. The first image verification device includes (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the first information, whether the image data is altered or not, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using second

information and public key cryptography, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to another aspect of the present invention, an image verification system includes an image generation device, a first image verification device, and a connection device that is connected to the image generation device and the first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using first information and not using public key cryptography. The connection device provides the image data and the first verification data to the first image verification device, which includes, (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the first information, whether the image data is altered or not, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to still another aspect of the present invention, an image verification device includes a verification unit that verifies, using image data, first verification data and first information, whether image data is altered or not. The image data and the first verification data are generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data is generated from the image data using the first information and not using public key cryptography. The image verification device further includes a verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if the verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to yet another aspect of the present invention, an image verification method includes a step of verifying, using image data, first verification data and first information, whether image data is altered or not, the image data and the first verification data being generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data being generated from the image data using the first information and not using public key cryptography. The method further includes a step of generating second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if it is verified in the verifying step that the image data is not altered.